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C. THIS TOGETHER WITH INDEPENDENCE IN TWO OTHER NEIGHBORING STATES, MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA, AS WELL AS IN THE TRANSKEI AND OTHER HOMELANDS WHICH MAY FOLLOW IN ITS WAKE, WILL LEAD TO THE MAP OF SOUTHERN AFRICA TAKING ON A COMPLETELY DIFFERENCE APPEARANCE FROM THAT OF 1974.

D. THE PEACEFUL REALIZATION OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN THESE AREAS COULD POSSIBLY PUT AN END TO VIOLENCE AND THE DISADVANTAGES AND EVILS THAT GO WITH IT.

E. IN THE NEW YEAR, THE PEOPLES OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA WILL UNDOUBTEDLY INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS TOWARDS WORKING OUT THEIR OWN FUTURE. WE WISH THEM GOOD LUCK.

I AM CONVINCED THAT ALL THESE DEVELOPMENTS WILL GIVE TREMENDOUS IMPETUS TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN MANY FIELDS OF COMMON INTEREST AMONG ALL THE INDEPENDENT STATES OF THIS PART OF AFRICA. IT CAN TAKE PLACE ON A BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL PLAIN. ONE CAN, FOR EXAMPLE EXPECT SUBSTANTIAL EXPANSION OF COOPERATION IN THE TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC FIELD. TOWARDS WHICH AN ORGANIZATION SUCH AS SARCCUS HAS BEEN WORKING FOR SOME TIME. ANOTHER EXISTING ORGANIZATION WITH GREAT POSSIBILITIES IS SARTOC, WHICH CONCENTRATES ON THE PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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ANOTHER IMPORTANT FIELD,PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT, IN WHICH COOPERATION CAN BE EXTENDED TO THE ADVANTAGE OF ALL, IS THE ECONOMIC FIELD.

COOPERATION AT ECONOMIC LEVEL PROBABLY OFFERS THE GREATEST ADVANTAGES, AS ALL THE STATES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE ECONOMICALLY INTERDEPENDENT--ALL OUR ECONOMIES ARE COMPLIMENTARY, THEY SUPPLEMENT ONE ANOTHER, AND THAT WITHOUT THE DESIRE ON ANY SIDE TO INTERFERE IN ANOTHER'S AFFAIRS OR TO DOMINATE ANOTHER ECONOMICALLY OR IN ANY OTHER WAY.

THE ADVANTAGES OF PEACE AND FRUITFUL COOPERATION AMONG ALL THE STATES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WILL EXTEND FAR BEYOND THE BORDERS OF THIS SUBCONTINENT. THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT AT ALL THAT THIS WILL BE WELCOMED AND I HOPE BE ENCOURAGES BY THE FREE WORLD. IT IS EVEN POSSIBLE THAT OUTSIDE ATTEMPTS TO INTERFERE IN THE REGION AND TO FORCE DEVELOPMENT HERE TO FOLLOW DIRECTIONS WHICH WOULD SUIT OTHERS, MAY BE DISCOURAGED AND OPPOSED AS A RESULT.

BUT WHATEVER HAPPENS,WE IN THE REPUBLIC WILL NOT ALLOW OTHERS TO PRESCRIBE TO OR INTIMIDATE US. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO OUR DUTY AS WE SEE IT, TOWARDS OUR OWN PEOPLE AND TOWARDS ALL THE OTHER PEOPLES AND POPULATION GROUPS IN OUR MIDST.

ONE THINKS ESPECIALLY OF THEIR RIGHT TO HUMAN DIGNITY, SELF-DETERMINATION AND ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ADVANCEMENT. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO STRIVE THAT ALL WHICH WE CLAIM FOR OURSELVES,MAY BE EXTENDED TO THEM IN AN ORDERLY AND RESPONSIBLE MANNER.

I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE WHITES OF SOUTH AFRICA WILL GIVE THEIR WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT IN ITS EFFORT TO CREATE A FUTURE FOR ALL OF US IN SOUTHERN AFRICAM WE SHALL NOT HESITATE ON OUR SIDE TO DO AWAY WITH HUMILIATING MEASURES AND PRACTICES WHICH HARM GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN WITE AND NON-WHITE, AND WHICH HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF OUR OWN IDENTITY AND SOVEREIGNTY.

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THERE AREAN NATURALLY,FORCES IN THE WORLD WHO DO NOT WISH TO SEE PEACE AND PROSPERITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA; THEY WILL CONTINUE THEIR ATTEMPTS TO FRUSTRAT OUR AIMS. THE FIGHT AGAINST THESE UNDERMINING FORCES MUST NOT CEASE,BUT THE CHANCES OF THWARTING THEIR ATTACKS WILL BE FAR GREATER IF THE STATES OF THE WHOLE SUBCONTINENT CAN BE WELDED INTO A SOLID BLOC AND PRESENT A UNITED FRONT.

THERE ARE STILL GREAT DIFFICULTIES AHEAD FOR US, AND
FOR THOSE, WHO, LIKE US, ARE STRIVING FOR PEACEFUL AND
LASTING SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

BUT EXPERIENCE HAS PROVED, AND THIS HAS RECENTLY BEEN
DEMONSTRATED AGAIN, THAT WHERE THERE IS A WILL
THERE IS A WAY.

AND BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WE HAVE THAT DETERMINATION,
AND THAT OTHERS HAVE IT TOO, I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN ENTER
THE NEW YEAR WITH COURAGE AND CONFIDENCE. END TEXT.

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